



HIMA-
WAGHI...

TAA-
CHAN,

NOT
WAKE
UP.



I SAW
HIM/YER/HER
YESTERDAY
AT THE
HOSPITAL.

SHE SAID
"SEE
YOU
LATER?"

AND
SMILED.

AND
I CRIED
A LOT
THESE...

OH
NO...

IT
WAS...

SO
SUDDEN...



YOU KNOW
ABOUT THE
CIRCUM-
STANCES
WITH SUMIO,
DON'T YOU?

YES.

AT FIRST,
I REALLY
HATED
HAVING
SUCH A
THING
FORCED
ON ME.

ALL I
COULD
THINK OF
WAS
PROTECTING
HER
MOTHER
AND BE-
COMING
FREE.

LATELY I'VE
STARTED TO
THINK THAT
SHE'S CUTE.
BUT REALLY
I'VE ALWAYS
WANTED TO
RETURN HER.

NO
MATTER
HOW
ANGRY I
AM WITH
HER, SHE
STILL
CLINGS
TO ME.

SHE
CALLS
ME
"PAPA".

UNTIL
RECENTLY,
I DIDN'T
EVEN
KNOW
THAT SHE
EXISTED.

I GET
SCARED.

BUT,

IF SHE...
TOMORROW,
SUDDENLY...
LIKE
PASSED
AWAY...
IF I
THINK
ABOUT
THAT...



I THOUGHT
YOU WERE A
VERY BAD
PERSON,
NAGAI-SAN.

I THOUGHT
I WOULD
NEVER
HAVE ANY-
THING TO
DO WITH
YOU AGAIN.

I...

I SAID
THIS THE
OTHER
DAY, TOO,
BUT...

YOU'RE
BECOMING
MORE
AND MORE
FATHERLY.

YOUR
ATTITUDE
TOWARD
SUICIDE-
CHAN WAS
STRAINED
AT FIRST,
BUT...

AFTER I SAW
YOU AGAIN
AT THE DAY-
CARE, MY
IMPRESSION
OF YOU HAS
CHANGED
LITTLE BY
LITTLE.

BUT...

I OFTEN
THINK OF
THIS WHEN
I INTERACT
WITH THOSE
CHILDREN

THEY'RE
VERY
PERCEPTIVE.

THE
TRUTH IS
THEY'RE
RAISING
THEIR
PARENTS.

"CHILD-
REARING"

WE ACT
LIKE WE'RE
RAISING
OUR
CHILDREN.



MAYBE IT'S
BECAUSE
SHE'S RAISING
YOU AS
A FATHER.

SO IF YOU
FEEL THAT
WAY ABOUT
SUMIRE-CHAN,



THE FIRST
TIME I'D
SEEN HER
WITH HER
HAIR
DOWN.

THAT WAS
—



I
THOUGHT
THAT SHE
WAS PRETTY
AND I
WANTED
TO KISS
HER.

BUT
PLEASE.

SOME-
HOW,

LET
HIMAWARI
REST IN
PEACE.

BECAUSE
TONIGHT
IS THE
NIGHT OF
HIMAWARI'S
FUNERAL.

BUT
I
DIDN'T.



I'VE NEVER
PRAYED FOR
ANYTHING
BEFORE.

GOD,





I'LL PAY
FOR HIS
DAYCARE
WITH MY
PART-TIME
JOB.

THERE'S
A JOB I
WANTED
TO GO,
FOR THIS
CHILD'S
SAKE.

TO DO
THAT, I
NEED TO
GO TO
COLLEGE.

IT WOULD
REALLY HELP
ME IF YOU
COULD CON-
TINUE HELPING
AS YOU HAVE
BEEN.

IT WILL BE
BY WORKING
HARD,
GRADUATING,
AND PAYING
YOU BACK.

I REALLY
DO PLAN
ON PAYING
MY TUITION
MYSELF, BUT

THIS IS
MY OWN
SELFISH-
NESS, SO



SUCH A
STUPID
THING...

PLEASE.



DON'T YOU
EVEN UNDER-
STAND THAT?

WELL, I'M
YOUR
FATHER, SO
IT'S TO BE
EXPECTED.

AND I'M
JUST
GOING
TO BE
RELYING
ON YOU
FOREVER.



I
WONDER
WHY...

THAT'S
WHY I
ALWAYS
SAY
YOU'RE
NO GOOD.



SS-
CAAAA
AUUE

I
WANTED
TO BE
PRE-
PARED,

I MEAN,
I TOLD
YOU I
DIDN'T
NEED
YOUR
HELP...

SO IN
THE END,
YOU'RE
SAYING
IT SHOULD
BE JUST
THE WAY IT
HAS BEEN.

WHY
WOULD
YOU
DOUBT
AND AN-
NOUCE IT
LIKE THAT?



THOSE
WORDS...

WOULD
NORMALLY
MAKE ME
VERY ANGRY



As Dad
Entered
On TV

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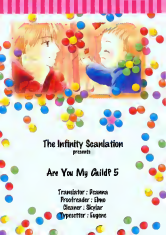


HEY,
SUNNIE.

THIS IS
YOUR
GRANDPA.







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